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TO ERR IS HUMAN

The errors we have found are as follows:

The old parsonage pictured in the front was sold in 1973, not in 1959.

Page 57: Bud Lewallen identified as Bill Shaw, Second row 4th from left is Annie Paisley and beside her is Eugenia Lewallen.

Page 59: 1: Lillie Robbins, Nonnie Rich, Lucy Mabe ?, Marion Auman w/Jean.
2: Iris Robbins, Helen Lewallen, Lillian Bobo, Ola Shaw w/Janet.
3: Darrell Robbins, Verdelle Mabe, Horace Lewallen, Angus Bobo, Harvey Shaw, Alwyn Shinn. ?, Grace Shinn, Ida Patterson, French Patterson, M. C. Auman. These joined West Bend, Mar. 25, 1951. Others joining then were Howard Robbins, Wilbern Spoon, Sylvia Spoon, and Florine Yates.

Page 81, Emma Jean Paisley should be Judy Paisley.

Page 83, Shirley Poole between Jane Cox and Peggy Yates.

Page 94, Nicole Robbine should read Bonnie Watkins.

Page 97, Cut lines transposed.

Page 99: James Johnson was not the first member to receive the Eagle Award but this was the first Eagle Award Ceremony we can remember at West Bend.

TO FORGIVE IS DIVINE

FOREWORD

This history has long been in the making, in the mind at least. I started collecting pictures and information from some who knew the beginning. Some wanted a small pamphlet. I feel like the more complete a history we have now, the more we hand to those who come after us. In 100 years there will be no one around to ask questions of.

This has been a labor of joy for the most part. Also at times I have felt like giving up. I don't claim to be the best but I have tried to tell things as they are set down or the account I find most reliable.

My two fellow workers are Billie Nance and Charlie Robbins, Jr. I wish to thank them for the help and support they have given me. Treva Davidson has given or loaned some of her most precious pictures. Diann Davis was a tremendous help in searching the First Methodist records.

Some of the printers who have donated negatives and helped me in other ways are Austin Printing of Thomasville, Asheboro Printing, and Village Printing. The book is being printed by Randleman Printing Company of Randleman.

The line etching on the front was drawn by Debi Setzer when she was Debbie Burrows. She has probably forgotten it.

I have tried to give the most pertinent and interesting notes. I know there are some that I have missed. I just hope the ones I have included will make this history worth having in your homes. If this history is not what you hoped for, I'm sorry and take all the blame.

Oscar Sowers, Compiler

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A Word From Our Pastor . . .

KENNETH D. CROUSE

This is a memorable year in the life and history of West Bend United Methodist Church as we celebrate the 75th year since the founding of our church in 1909. It is also the 200th year since the beginning of Methodism in America in 1784. During this historic year we remember with gratitude those who have gone before us, and we look to our Lord Jesus Christ, as they did, for guidance now and in the future.

The devoted labors which have gone into the making of this inspiring book have given us tender memories of the passing years, but even more, this book eloquently testifies to the faith that our times are in God's hands. "At the WEST BEND of Uwharrie Road" is the culmination of years of gathering photographs and information by Oscar Sowers, Chairman of our Committee on History. We want to express to him and to the members of our History Committee, Billie Nance and C. T. Robbins, appreciation for this book which we will always cherish.

In another quarter century when West Bend observes its centennial year, it will be 2009 A.D. and the 21st century. We are reminded, as the ritual for reception into the Church states, that "the Church is of God, and will be preserved to the end of time." Through good and hard times West Bend has stood on this hill as a living symbol of the values in life that abide. When the old church bell of times past or the chimes of the present have rung out over the surrounding city and countryside, we have witnessed to the conviction that "all of every age and station stand in need of the means of grace which it (the Church) alone supplies."

We face the future trusting that the One Who has helped us reach this memorable year will be with us now and always. Some of the words of the old hymn "Precious Memories" by J. B. Wright comes to mind . . .

"In the stillness of the midnight,
Echoes from the past I hear;
Old-time singing, gladness bringing,
From that lovely land somewhere.

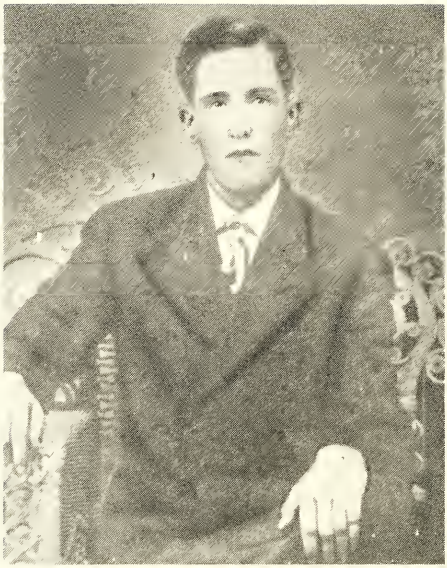
Precious mem'ries, how they linger,
How they ever flood my soul;
In the stillness of the midnight,
Precious, sacred scenes unfold."

Kenneth D. Crouse, *Pastor*

FIRST BUILDING — BUILT IN 1910

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Davidson
who gave the land for the church in 1910
and for the cemetery in 1916.

In 1939 two rooms were built on the front and two in the back of the first one-room building. In 1947 the hut on the left was built.



Colvin Davidson

Causey Davidson

Second from right in bottom is Gurney Davidson
These three men did the actual building on the first church building for which their brother had given the land in 1910.

DAVIDSON FAMILY
In front: Wiley and Lura; back row: Edgar, Ethel, Thomas, Mary, Causey, Ida, Gurney and Colvin.

Old Parsonage on Mack Road
Built in 1948 and sold in 1959.

MR. AND MRS. CLARENCE YATES
They gave the land for the first parsonage on the Mack Road.

THE JOHNSON HOUSE
Bought in 1953 and sold in 1959. This was the West Bend School Building which had been converted into a dwelling.

MR. AND MRS. BRAZILLA ROBBINS
He was one of the first trustees and looked after the cemetery for years.

NEW SANCTUARY OR EDUCATIONAL BUILDING
First service was held here the first of November, 1959.

The old bell which is now mounted on the north of the Educational Building.

Old Fellowship Hall being moved in 1959.

Second Parsonage on South McCrary Street
Completed March, 1973

Steps to the cemetery given in memory of Clarence Sykes in 1974 by his family.

The Billy V. Hunter Fellowship Hall
Completed in 1981

This gate to the cemetery was installed by Jeff Cooper in preparation of receiving his Eagle Scout Badge.

West Bend Becomes A Reality

No one knows for sure who first conceived the idea of a Church at West Bend. Before a church was built, the ground where it now stands was a favorite meeting place for summertime meetings. This is according to Charles Robbins, Sr.

Mr. Robbins also said, "Sis" Rich was one of the most interested people in starting a church. She was a woman evangelist, holding meetings throughout the neighborhood. In August, after a Revival, West Bend was organized. It was named after the West Bend in the Uwharrie Road, as the Albemarle Road was called then. It was organized on the front porch of Daniel Presnell's home. Later it met at the home of Edgar Davidson. Also it met in other homes of the neighborhood. It was sort of like the cottage prayer meetings that were later held in various homes.

In the First Methodist Church Quarterly Conference minutes we find some helpful information. In the 1909 minutes the minister was W. R. Ware. First Methodist at this time had 279 members on its roll. The question was: "What is doing for the cause of church extension?" The answer was: "A new church at West Bend, a suburb of Asheboro, has been projected." J. E. Walker was elected Sunday School Superintendent at West Bend. At this time the Sunday school superintendent was perhaps more important than the pastor. He led the Sunday school services and the pastor was not even present most of the time. J. E. Walker, D. B. McCrary, M. T. Hinshaw, J. T. Wood, Brazilla Robbins, Gurney Davidson, and Daniel Presnell were elected as Building Committee for West Bend Church. Brazilla Robbins, Gurney Davidson, Daniel Presnell, J. D. Walker and W. T. Wood elected as trustees of property at West Bend.

Much credit can also be given to the Davidson family.

On January 9, 1910, S. E. Davidson made to Brazilla Robbins, Dan'l Presnell, Gurney Davidson, J. E. Walker and W. P. Wood, Trustees, a deed for two acres of land. This deed was on the condition that a church be built within two years. Also the Davidson brothers built a one room frame building in 1910. Legend has it that Colvin Davidson put his hand print in the cement of the foundation of the church. Another story is that one of them was afraid of heights and did not help put up the bell tower spire. We have have no record of when the bell was put in, but it must have been soon after the church was built. For many years the church bell played an important part in the lives of the people. It could be heard at the County Home where we had several people who attended. This is off 220 business, south, about 2 miles.

In the March 19, 1910 minutes of First Methodist states the minister, W. R. Ware. "The Sunday School at West Bend has met regularly though I have not met with them. It will no doubt grow and do good as soon as they get a new house."

June 20, 1910. Our 2 Sunday Schools now have an enrollment of 275 and they are doing good work, I suppose. I cannot speak positively of the West Bend Sunday School, never having been there. The house school is handicapped for the lack of rooms.

Sept. 2, 1910. J. E. Walker elected Sunday School Superintendent for West Bend.

Teachers: A. M. Presnell, Gurnie Davidson, Janie Smith, Lucy Ashworth, Ida Cox, and Maud Hall.

On September 11, 1910, we have the first recorded members of West Bend. They are as follows: Sept. 11, 1910, Walter C. Robbins, Nettie P. Lambe, Flora Yates, Edgar Davidson, Ida Cox, Mary Roxanne Robbins, and Brazilla Robbins.

September 14, 1910, Mary T. Davidson, Clara Rich and Willard Rich.

October 8, 1911, Lura D. Lewallen.

October 15, 1911, Carrie Goins.

August 18, 1915, Bertie R. Paisley, August 27, 1915, Mattie B. Davidson, 1916, Amos Yates, 1918, Charles T. Davidson, Ethel B. Kivett, Treva D. Yates, Beatrice D. Keeling, Katherine Lewallen, Ruth Dixon, Charlie Paisley, Sadie Robbins, Robert Paisley, Clarence Yates, Annie D. Burrow, and Ross York.

In 1923 Lois Morgan and Walter Cox joined. In 1926, Frank Keeling and Ralph Robbins.

The first Methodist quarterly minutes of January 16, 1911 says that since the last quarterly meeting two protracted meetings have been held. One at West Bend and one at Asheboro. Put together, they lasted about a month. These meetings were so largely attended that the church was unable to contain the crowds and many people were turned away for lack of room. In all, there was something like 200 confessions at the altar, although many of these were already members of the church. 64 members were added to the church as a result of these meetings, and a new society organized at West Bend. West Bend now has a membership of 35. The revival at West Bend appears to have been deep and genuine, and has produced a perceptible change in the lives of the people reached by it. The congregations are large for the community, and the regularity with which the members attend is noticeable and gratifying. There is a serious attentive spirit in the congregation that is impressive. The Sunday School is larger by far than the church membership, and the average attendance is good. From every indication a good work has been begun there, which, under the blessings of God, is fair to abide and grow. The West Bend School has an attendance of about 50, is quite prosperous, and seems to meet all the difficulties of the people. They need at least two more teachers.

March 20, 1911. W. R. Ware, minister. The two Sunday Schools are both moving along smoothly.

March 20, 1911, Item D from Quarterly Conference

minutes:

West Bend Church in account with Charles A. Wood, treasurer of Bldg. Committee, Asheboro, N. C. Jan. 20, 1911.

Discounts of Lumber	$959.00	Hardware and Books	$ 39.50
Orders and Merchandise	102.64	Labor	161.57
Labor Donated	161.57	Check to J.E. Walker	407.00
Cash Collected	223.30	Total	497.10
Disbursements: Lumber	291.87	The Total stated must be the amount received by J. E. Walker	

On Feb. 28, 1911, D. B. McCrary and Brazilla Robbins, auditing committee, stated: We, the undersigned auditing committee having examined the books and accounts of the treasurer, certify that they are correctly put and the above is a true statement of same.

In interviewing Wiley Davidson he said there was a good choir to start with. Alma Robbins had a good alto voice. Pete Presnell, George Presnell, — they were all good singers. Alma Presnell played the organ. There was good singing to start with at West Bend. Later it was

First Record We Have Of West Bend In Action

Record for Sunday July 17 1910

Religious Services conducted by Bro Gregerson

Opening song No 25 heaven sun light

Officers and Teachers present 5 ; *absent*

Scholars present 43 ; *absent*

Scripture Lesson Matthew 16 - 13 to 28

Subject of Lesson Peters confession

School addressed *minutes by*

Collection 109 *Weather* unsettled

School closed by 263

REMARKS

visitors 18 title school 66

down but has been built back up. Another one who should be mentioned is Amos Yates. We understand he played the organ and was known for his tenor voice.

Wiley says there were no suppers at the church for raising money then. There were lamps hanging on the walls, with one wood burning stove at the front of the congregation.

The community was sparsely settled and without God's help there surely never would have been a West Bend Church.

Roll of class no 1

West Ben sunday School

Register No.	NAME	January 1	8	15	22	29
	P.M. Presnell	1	1	1	1	
1	Daniel Presnell	1	1	1	1	
2	Brazilla Robbins	1	1	1	1	
3	Tomas Davidson	1		1	1	
4	William Bean	1		1	1	
5	Calvin Davidson	1		1		
6	J.E. Presnell	1	1		1	
7	George Presnell					
8	Ellen Robbins	1	1		1	
9	Myrtle Smith			1		
10	Roxie Robbins	1		1		
11	Armenta Swallen		1		1	
12	Fred Robbins		1			
13	Jack Davidson		1			
14	Frank Robbins		1		1	
15	Walter Robbins			1	1	
16	Alford Phar			1		
17	Myrtle Smith			1		
18	Flora Presnell			1		
19	Orie Robbins			1		
20	not [illegible]					
21	S.E. D[illegible]					
22	Ewert D[illegible]					
23	Levi Tucker					
24	Walter Vance					
25	[illegible]					
26	[illegible] Davidson					
27	Julie Tucker					
28	Willard Rich					
29	L. Frank Robbins					
	Scholars Present	8	8	12	9	
	Scholars Absent	2	5	7	10	
	Scholars on Roll	10	14	19	19	

Roll of Class no 2

West Ben Sundoy school

Register No.	NAME	January 1	8	15	22	29
	Jessie Smith			1		
1	Flora Davidson	1	1	1	1	
2	Dora Robbins	1	1	1	1	
3	Hettie Presnell	1	1	1	1	
4	Jessie Lewallen	1	1	1	1	
5	Rosemary Lewallen	1	1		1	
6	Everett Robbins	1		1		
7	Nathan Robbins	1	1	1	1	
8	Elmer Davidson	1	1	1	1	
9	Mary Rich	1	1	1		
10	Mary McDonal	1	1			
~~11~~	~~Nathan Robbins~~	~~1~~	~~1~~	~~1~~	~~1~~	
12	[illegible]					
13	[illegible]					
14	Alice McDonal					
	Scholars Present	10	10	8	9	
	Scholars Absent		1	3	2	
	Scholars on Roll	10	11	11	11	

Roll of Class no 3

West Ben Sunday School

Register No.	NAME	January 1	8	15	22	29
	Lucy Ashworth	1	1	1	1	
1	Clae Reesnell		1	1	1	
2	Queen Calcutt		1	1		
3	Lure Davidson		1	1	1	
4	Della rich		1	1		
5	Edgar robbins		1	1	1	
6	Erwin Davidson		1	1		
7	Solen robbins		1	1		
8	Rosie Lincecum			1		
9	Nora "			1	1	
10	Aidor thompson				1	
11	Mary robbins					
12	Pet robbins					
13	Minny rich					
14	Rosa rich					
15	Rachel Warner					
16	Blanche Warner					
17	Dora rich					
18	Dora Hooker					
	Scholars Present		4	9	5	
	Scholars Absent				5	
	Scholars on Roll		4	9	10	

Roll of Class No 4

West Ben Sunday School

Register No.	NAME	January 1	8	15	22	29
	Ida Davidson		1	1	1	
1	Annie robbins	1	1	1	1	
2	hurbet rich		1	1		
3	Vander robbins		1			
4	Wiley Davidson		1	1	1	
5	Claud robbins		1	1	1	
6	Francis robbins		1	1	1	
7	Traford robbins		1	1	1	
8	George Thompson			1	1	
9	Charlie Presnell					
10	Alexander Presnell					
11	Lettie robbins					
12	Gail Presnell					
13	fred Presnell					
14	Mary Gatlin					
15	florence rich					
16	Mystle Hooper					
	Scholars Present		7	7	6	
	Scholars Absent			1	2	
	Scholars on Roll		7	8	8	

Here are some of the ones attending Sunday School in 1914: Maude Paisley, Rachel Robbins, Solen Robbins, Fermer Robbins, Mary Robbins, Wiley Davidson, George Thompson, Hubert Bech. You can see that some of these names were misspelled but that is to be considered as most folks only had a 3rd or 4th grade education, if any.

It is told that Roxanna Robbins, wife of Brazilla Robbins, one of our first trustees, was the letter writer for the community. West Bend was an illiterate community at that time. On another page in 1914 are these persons: Ida Davidson, Treva Davidson, Ethel Davidson, Ana Davidson, Reford Robbins, Ida Pue, Roye Hadock, Frank Craven, Walter Lewallen. This was called the Bible Class.

These names are listed on the next page with no explanation: A. H. Presnell, J. E. Presnell, Girney Davidson, Edgar Davidson, Colvin Davidson, George Presnell, Alma Presnell, Lusy Davidson, Flora Davidson, Thomas Davidson, Ida Davidson, Lura Davidson, Willerd Rich, Bascom Lewallen, Dan Presnell, Mettie Presnell, Corena Barnes, Mattie Davidson, Will Thompson, Hasuy Woodell.

October 18, 1914, a total of 27 were present with 14 absent. So you can see the enrollment was 41. In 1917 and 1918 the Sunday School was led by Gurney Davidson and Lucy Davidson, along with the superintendent, who is unnamed. The largest number attending was 55.

Here are the financial records of 1916:

1 Basket	15¢	Oil	$ .05
S.S. Supplies	5.06	S.S. Supplies	2.55
Bags	.75	Oil	.15
Repairs for Lamps	.05	8 Jewel Song Books	1.00
Oil	.30	S.S. Work	2.50
Oil	.30	Oil	.30
S.S. Supplies	5.06	S.S. Supplies	1.75
		Oil	.15

Our earliest records for Sunday School are dated July 3, 1910. The services were conducted by the superintendent, who was J. E. Walker. The opening song was No. 97,

"Whatsoever Will May Come." Officers and teachers present were 5, with one absent. Scholars present were 42, with 2 absent. This is a total of 49 on the roll. You can see that the attendance was very good. The scripture lesson was Matthew 3 to 5:2. Subject of the lesson was "Picture of the Kingdom." Collection was 50¢ and the weather unsettled. School was closed by singing No. 15, "No Not One." This must have been the favorite hymn. It's possible it may have been because of the organist. Beatrice Keeling tells of playing the organ and later the piano. She says she had to tell what songs to use because she played by ear and knew only 2 or 3 songs.

The Superintendent led the first 2 Sundays, with Bro. Gregerson leading the third. On July 24, A.M. and Daniel Presnell were appointed committee to paint the church. Gurnie Davidson and Brazilla Robbins appointed committee to light the church. On September 25, B. Robbins, Dan Presnell and A. M. Presnell appointed committee to collect money to pay on organ.

The largest offering during July, August and September was $1.00.

Archibal Presnell led the services on October 2. The Sunday School was addressed by A. D. Himilton. On Oct. 16, Gurney Tysinger led the services. The next Sunday Essie Ross addressed the school, with Jessie Scarboro addressing it the 30th of October. On November 13 the regular hours for Sunday School were set at 2 o'clock. November 20, 1910, the following were appointed a committee on Christmas entertainment: B. Robbins, B. Bean, Walter Robbins, Tom Davidson, and Ellen Robbins. Several times with different amounts were listed as payed on organ to Walker.

Christmas was celebrated with more fervor then than it is now. There would be a large cedar tree in the sanctuary that reached the ceiling. Chains made of red and green paper decorated the tree. Treats for the children were really a big thing, as at that time oranges and

tangerines were unheard of except those you got in your Christmas treat. The Christmas treats were especially remembered by Janie Kearns.

June 4, 1911, Sunday School was addressed by W. C. Hammer. June 25, by Bro. Wood. Only July 9, Mattie Robbins appointed libraryman. Also addressing the school in July were Bro. O. R. Cox and Ferree Ross.

In summing up 1911, there were 2 officers, 4 teachers, 96 scholars on roll. Collections for the year were $28.62.

Liberature	$11.63	Dryage	$1.50
Payed on Organ	8.09	Postal Cards	2.00
Children's Home	1.00	Book Case	3.00
Hymn Books	1.25	Total Left	.15

Here are some further reports in 1911: July 17. $21.75 paid to Rev. R. A. Taylor. Our Sunday Schools have been holding up remarkably well. There has been some improvement in the quality of work being done. There are considerable complaints that our scholars do not study their lessons and that some of the teachers are not regular in their attendance. In spite of the hot weather, I think there has been some slight improvements in both of these particulars. It has not been my priviledge to attend the school at West Bend during the quarter but I can only say that I hear good reports of it.

Sept. 23, 1911. Paid by West Bend Church $15.00 to preacher in charge. In addition to the growth of the Asheboro Church, we have built since I came among you a church at West Bend. We have organized a church and a Sunday School there. The church has now a membership of 35 and has already accomplished much for most of the members have come in on faith. Sunday School has an enrollment of nearly 100. The attendance is from 40 to 80.

January 1, 1912. S. T. Barbour (New Minister First Methodist).

The spirit seems fine also and we are very hopeful for the year. Our members will not be as great as reported to annual conference because of the loss of West Bend

Church to the Asheboro Circuit.

Besides Ed Walker as Sunday School Superintendent, there were other laymen of First Methodist that we should recognize. Sidney Swaim Robins had this to say in one of his books about Emmett Moffitt: "After a goodly term of being president at Elon, Emmett came back to Asheboro and turned entrepreneur. He launched some sort of a wood-working industry, possibly a wheelbarrow factory, in which his brother Herbert joined after a while. But he remained a man of wide interest, including a strong interest in religion. He long pushed a sort of missionary movement out at West Bend".

Minutes of Meeting of Trustees
of Cemetery, West Bend Church

Under date of August 18, 1916, a deed was conveyed to Brazilla Robbins, Thomas Davidson and Paul Presnell, Trustees for West Bend Cemetery. The purpose of this deed and conveyance is that the property shall be used for Cemetery purposes only, and that these Trustees have the right to sell and convey such plots as is necessary. Price on same to be Five ($500) Dollars for the small size, and Ten ($10.00) Dollars for the large. Provision is made for a row of plots on either side of the Cemetery to be donated to such persons as are unable to buy and pay for same. Such donations to be made at discretion of the Committee.

This being the first meeting of the Trustees Brazilla Robbins was elected Chairman and Thomas Davidson Treasurer. It is the duty of the Chairman to sell such plots as may be called for. To get up necessary deed and have Trustees sign and deliver to the purchaser. Collect for same, and turn over the amount to the Treasurer keeping a record of same.

It is the duty of the Treasurer to receive all the funds from the Chairman or otherwise, and pay for such

work as is agreed upon from time to time and report made

A meeting of the Trustees is to be held on the first Monday in October of each year, and a record of same to be kept.

If there should not be sufficient money collected from the sale of plots: then the Trustees are to make such arrangements as are necessary for the up-keep of the Cemetery. And should there be more money than is necessary the Trustees have a right to use such money as they deem best, in the interest of the Cemetery.

It is understood and notice is to be given each party buying a plot that they are to ~~pay~~ pay the above named Trustees One Dollar and Thirty Cents ($1.30) each for the up keep of the Cemetery. This money to be paid to Treasurer Quarterly at the rate of 35¢ each Quarter.

All work done on plots, is to be done under the supervision of the Trustees. Trustees to meet annually on the above named date, or oftener, upon the call of the Chairman, or any two members of the Trustees, and any business may be transacted at such meeting as is deemed necessary by the Trustees.

Edgar Davidson Donates Land For Cemetery

One of the important events in the church was the donation of land for the cemetery on August 18, 1916. Even before the land was officially given by deed to West Bend, it was used as a cemetery with at least 25 burials before then. The earliest burial known is an infant of Walter Robbins, stillborn February 9, 1912. The next is George M. Presnell, born January 11, 1911, died May 22, 1913. Lawrence Lambeth was born Feb. 23, 1913 and died June 25, 1913. We have compiled a list of Burials at West Bend with the aid of the stones on the graves and also we have checked the records in the Randolph County Court House. There may be some that died outside the county that we do not know about and have no marker.

Records of the 20's and 30's are almost non-existent but we do have this report from Rev. M. G. Ervin, minister in 1929-30. "I only had seven churches, besides attending Duke University. Services were held twice each month. The building was a one room structure that swayed in the wind and on a stormy day your life was in jeopardy if you entered. The road to church was dirt. One day there was a funeral. The undertaker could not get up the drive with his vehicle. The Pallbearers had to carry the casket up the hillside."

During these years the chief mode of reaching the church was on foot. Being on a hill has its disadvantages as well as being a beacon for people to see.

Walter Cox had this to say about West Bend in the '20s: "I have spent many good years at West Bend and I owe much to the people there and the ministers who have served there. I remember at one time when our giving was so low that Preacher Snider had to go several times without having his budget completed. In other words we

could not pay him all we had promised him. Sometime all we got was a dollar or a dollar forty or forty-five cents. Ever since I've been going there the budget has not been paid out several times. Before we became a station church we had 3 or 4 men elected as stewards and they would go around the neighborhood asking people to donate to the church to keep it open." When asked if this helped he replied: "Well, ... a little. Enough to keep it going barely. I've walked over the neighborhood a million times and I always liked somebody to go with me that was a real good person so I'd call Bud Lewallen to go with me. There was one small building with a wood heater. One Sunday, way back yonder, snow was all over the ground about 3 or 4 feet deep but that didn't keep some people from going to church (I'm not bragging or nothing). Well, about a half a dozen of us men walked to the church that morning and got inside and started a big rolling fire in that old wood heater. Pretty soon the preacher showed up. (We didn't think he would make it the weather was so bad.) But he did, and pretty soon he was all warmed up after getting up real close to that heater. We had already decided that if the preacher did show up we knew he would not preach just to us, but you know what, that preacher Widenhouse stood right there among us beside the wood heater and preached one of the best sermons you've ever heard. He was a wonderful man; we only kept him 2 years and we wouldn't have had him that long except they didn't have any church to put him in."

In 1930 address is given as No. 62 Highway.

In 1934 we see that West Bend is on the Asheboro Circuit, Greensboro Charge. Along with us were Mt. Shepherd, Mt. Tabor, Tabernacle and West Chapel.

Ralph Taylor Had This Statement About West Bend
West Bend Methodist Episcopal Church, South
Asheboro, North Carolina, Year 1933-1934

"I was admitted on trial into the membership of the

Western North Carolina Annual Conference of The Methodist Episcopal Church, South in Charlotte, N. C. on Saturday, November 18, 1933. And on Monday, November 20, 1933, I was appointed to the Asheboro Circuit in the Greensboro District. The Circuit was composed of five churches, one of which was the West Bend Church. The membership of West Bend, as reported in the Conference Journal, was eighty seven members.

On Sunday, November 26, 1933 I preached, or made an attempt to preach, three times, (the same sermon — the only one I had). In the evening on this frightful, but now memorable Sunday, I preached my first sermon at West Bend Church. As well as I recall, there were about thirty or thirty-five persons present. I was graciously and warmly received by the people. Throughout the one year I served the Circuit, the West Bend congregation was very supportive of their young student-pastor. I could sense among the members, especially the older ones, the fact that they were praying for me. In my youthful and inexperienced manner they observed that I needed their prayers, Thank God for their most helpful prayers!

Inasmuch as we were in the depths of a great depression, money was very scarce but the good people shared with us food from their pantries and gardens. They helped to keep soul and body together. And I have many happy memories of the year I was pastor of the church.

I rejoice on this 75th Anniversary Year of this splendid Church in the outstanding progress it has made across the years. Congratulations and may God continue to richly bless you throughout the years ahead."

At the Quarterly Conference in 1934 we see that the Presiding Elder received $45.00. Preacher in Charge $525.00. The Pastor's Salary was $170.00. The conference apportioned us $90.00 but we only assumed $60.00. Rev. W. F. Cooley, the pastor, moved into a little house between Mt. Shepherd and Tabernacle.

On March 11, 1934, there were 57 present for Sunday

School. This seems large as there was snow on the ground. High offering for 1934 was $1.37.

June 15, 1935. W. F. Cooley reported that a revival had begun that morning but no new members were taken in. A former pastor, Rev. R. J. Barnwell was the speaker.

Sept. 15, 1935. W. L. Cox, Sunday School Superintendent at West Bend. Alberta Maie Cox added to West Bend. Alberta was a student at West Bend School. She says when the church had a funeral the girls from the school formed the choir. On this date the pastor said that Sunday Schools and Women's Missionary Societies are about as active as usual. It is told that West Bend would close when Odell Brown came if attendance didn't increase.

Oct. 11, 1935. West Bend raised $126.00.

Nov. 26, 1935. Raised $4.43 on claims of presiding elder and preacher. Mt. Shepherd and West Bend both have active Missionary Societies. Plans are underway to have weekly prayer meetings at each of the churches. Plans are underway to start Epworth Leagues at two of the churches. There is one licensed exhorter on the charge. She is Mrs. B. W. Nance at Tabor. Epworth League as it was called then is now the United Methodist Youth Fellowship. The P. C. or Pastor in Charge is Odell Brown at this date.

Nov. 15, 1936. Sunday School attendance is improving. Two Epworth Leagues are started, one at West Chapel and one at West Bend.

May 31, 1936. Epworth League attendance growing. All churches need physical improvements.

August 16, 1936. West Bend has a very active Epworth League. We have held two Vacation Bible Schools thus far; at West Bend and West Chapel.

In 1936, 48 joined West Bend. All but 4 on profession of faith. A $1,200 addition is planned.

In 1937 we were apportioned for Pastor, $725.00, paid $609. Apportioned for Presiding Elder $45.00. Paid $27.00.

On January 31, 1937, the pastor reported that at last we had gotten the blue prints from Mr. Haines for our enlargement Program. The people are very enthusiastic about the rooms and the church is greatly in need of them.

A New Awakening

Under April 25 it says there was preaching today by the pastor, Odell Brown, who has been absent for some time on account of illness.[9]

October 9, 1937. Joined on profession of faith, 58; by letter 4; lost by moving 8. West Bend has put out more money this year than it has in any three years put together since its organization. West Bend is not done yet. In the next few months they expect to make a concrete walk to the building, grass the yard, plant roses and shrubbery around the church and along the highway, and add two more large rooms to the church because the present church is inadequate to take care of the crowds who attend. Woman's society organization for many years was led by Ada Sherrill.

In November 1938, West Bend was on the Asheboro Circuit, Greensboro Charge. And on Feb. 6, 1938 P. F. Snider said that we were still thinking and planning additions to West Bend. As soon as the Revival is over at Central Falls, we plan one for West Bend.

In 1938 the building enlargement was still being planned. We see on Feb. 5, 1939 that the building program was underway and that the building would be completed at least by the third quarterly conference. At the third quarterly conference nothing is said of the building but it is believed the addition of two rooms at the front and two at the back were completed.

Somewhere around this time Bud Lewallen was told by the pastor that someone was going to make a large donation if we would change the name of the Church. Bud asked around and didn't find a soul wanting the name changed.

The keeper of the minutes in 1931-33 evidently liked his work and gave further insight on what really went on. At one place he says of the closing song, "A Good Song",

without naming it. On June 11, 1933 he says "Preaching to Day by Mr. Fred Shinn, he was married Monday the 5th of June. Good luck to him and much joy in the marriage". In another place he says, "Come to the Soonday School and do not acked a fool and Learn of the Golden Rule". The writer of these minutes was Amos Yates.

During these years an attempt was started to pay the janitor or sexton for his services. The pay was 50¢ a month. Most of the time though you were picked for this service about like the ushers are at the present time.

We have a letter dated May 28, 1976, written by Charlie Lee Grant, Pastor in 1939. It has this to say: Greetings in Jesus name. We appreciated the letter received some time ago. In reply to your letter you will find a picture, and report for your history book on West Bend Church.

I, "Charlie Lee Grant", became Pastor of West Bend Methodist Church after Church Union in 1939. I was instrumental in combining the M. P. and The Methodist Episcopal Church South. I liked West Bend very much, a very pleasant pastorate, a very congenial group to work with, and we wish for them the very best in the future. I could see the need of a change but the proper time had not arrived. We hope in the near future West Bend will have a new Sanctuary. Best Wishes and Prayers.

During the early 40's attendance was very slim. On December 27, 1942 the weather was very bad but 44 were present. One Sunday in 1943 there were 14 present. Collection was $1.65 and it was cloudy and raining. The opening song was "Silence". On August 15 of this year there were 140 present. These were the years of World War II. Several boys or men if they are that old, were in the service. Two who made the supreme sacrifice were Bruce Rich and Worth Thompson. In 1944 the offering was $3.00 to $5.00 per Sunday.

In 1942 a ½ ton of coal was $4.75. The church light bill was $1.50 per month. High attendance was 120 and the

low was 66. In 1945 the low was 37 with 110 being present on Easter. On March 2, 1947, 41 were present and it was snowing. West Bend becomes a Station Church.

Hut and Parsonage Completed

One important event in 1946 was a purchase of a lot to build a parsonage. We sold that lot to buy another. Evidently another lot was not bought as in 1948 Clarence Yates gave the church a lot on the Mack Road. The Parsonage was on the minds of the people as they observed "Weight Sunday." Everyone was asked to bring a penny for every pound they weighed. This was a bit over $123.00. This was a real sacrifice for some folks, especially those with large families.

In 1945 Louise Morgan was president of youth. The pastor was paid $669.00. Fuel cost $21.75 and electricity was $12.00.

In July, 1946, it is reported that attendance at Sunday School has increased and enrollment nearly one hundred pupils. The Parsonage lot has been bought and paid for. Church property is valued at $3,000. Budget for 1946-47 is $2043.00.

On October 23, 1946 enrollment for Sunday School was reported as 245. This is hard to believe as later figures will show.

April 6, 1947. We have now pledged $1960 toward our goal of $2,500.00 for parsonage and hut.

On September 5, 1947, it is noted that a hut has just been completed. It is 30' x 40'. Value of property, Church $4000, Hut $2,500, Lot $500. This was a total of $7000. Clarence Sykes was partly responsible for the hut. It is said he went around to different ones and had them donate a tree for lumber for the hut. This hut was used until sold at auction in 1959. It was bought and is still in use at Foster Street Wesleyan Church.

Also in 1947 eleven members were lost from the church roll. Six had occurred earlier but were not taken off. One hundred and eighty five are now on roll.

The first Official Board was organized January 25,

1947, members: The Pastor, S. W. Taylor; Gen. Supt., Clarence Sykes; Teacher of children, DeEstes Cox; Teacher of youth, R. F. Walker; Youth Representative, Miss Silma Lee Cox; Member of Adult Dept., J. Buren Lanier; Member of Stewards, Harvey Kearns; Three members at large, Mrs. Robert Keeling, Mrs. Arthur Hartsell, Raeford Robbins. Officers of the Board were, Clarence Sykes, Chm., J. Buren Lanier, Vice Chm., Miss DeEstes Cox, secretary.

At the second Quarterly Conference in 1948, the new pastor, H. Glen Lanier has this report. Since the meeting of the 1st Quarterly Conference at West Bend, we can report that the church is progressing along several lines. Without a doubt, it is known to all present, that a new parsonage has passed through the stages of being built, and is now completed. There has been a resolution adopted to borrow $6,000.00 from Randolph Savings and Loan Association to pay for the parsonage.

4th Quarterly Conference. Total Membership at present time 201. Total spent this year $2,029.89.

WSCS Work this year has been outstanding. They have raised from suppers and other events $649.00. They have bought furnishings and other fixtures for the new parsonage and also supplies for the church hut.

Youth Fellowship Report for year: This is the best year we have ever had. Since we have built and are now paying for a new parsonage, the YF has had a share in it. We bought a breakfast room suite, venetian blinds for the whole house and paid 50 dollars on the electric stove. We had a Baby Contest and sponsored a supper in our hut to pay for this. We are sponsoring Family Night in our hut tomorrow night. We also sent one delegate to our summer camp at Lake Junaluska.

Average attendance is up considerably and the only concern at the present time is more rooms for accomodating those who come. The road around the church has been completed for our driveway. Spiritual interest is

much higher than a year ago. We now have 19 subscribers to the Christian Advocate.

These were the donations to the Parsonage: The living room furniture: a three piece suite, with four matching tables, and a nice table lamp.

By Farm Implement & Supply; The dining room: A nice nine-piece dining room suite, by Mr. Ed Cranford and Mr. Lucas of Asheboro.

The Bedroom: A three-piece suite, by Mr. Koonts of one of the furniture stores of Asheboro, Regal Furniture Co.

The Kitchen: The refrigerator was given by the WSCS of West Bend; the electric stove by the MYF and other donations by individuals.

The Breakfast Room: The breakfast room suite by the MYF of West Bend. Also the venetian blinds for the whole house were donated by the MYF.

The study was furnished by the pastor. We have had a great year.

H. Glenn Lanier pc

1949 Projected salary for coming year $1750.00

1st Q. Conf.: Budget for the year was set for $3100.00

4th Q. Conf At West Bend the Youth MYF have raised money to remodel the interior of the church at an approximate cost of materials and labor of $400.00. We have just formed a Methodist Mens organization and now have thirty-three on roll. A Young Adult Class has been formed this year. Our greatest need now is more classrooms.

1950 H. Glen Lanier

1st Q. Conf.: Estimated salary for this year $2000.00

4th Q. Conf.: Since last annual conference we have received fifty one persons into the membership of the church. Total membership is now 265. This is the result of a thorough visitation program with me and the wife

visiting. A partition was added in the hut to make classrooms. Cost was $103.00. Total spent this year $3,336.39.

1951 Projected salary for pastor $2500.00. Travel expense $250.00 (J. T. Melton)

1st Q. Conf.: Some have expressed a desire to start plans for a new church building. A savings account was opened for funds collected for a new building. Also the church received funds from the State when it widened what is now Albemarle Road.

1952 J. T. Melton

1st Q. Conf.: Projected salary for pastor $2750.00.

4th Q. Conf.: Total expenditures for year $5,312.13. The spiritual life of the church is at a high level. We have had a record attendance this year.

1953 J. T. Melton

1st Q. Conf.: $2850.00 projected salary for pastor.

Special sessions held to consider purchasing the Johnson property next to the church. The recommendation read: We, the trustees of West Bend Church, recommend that the trustees be given the right to purchase for the church the property at the price now being asked by the owner, namely $6,000.00. It was then voted upon and showed that 39 were in favor of the recommendation and 18 voted against it. Later after further discussion and another vote by the board the trustees were instructed to close the deal with the Johnson's.

4th Q. Conf.: The church is now free of any debts.

1954 J. T. Melton

1st Q. Conf.: Projected salary for pastor $3,200.00.

1955 K. M. Johnson

1st Q. Conf.: Projected salary for pastor $3,200.00.

2nd Q. Conf.: (Ken Johnson) This has been the happiest year of my ministry.

A lay visitation which took place in the early spring has resulted in record breaking attendance at both Sunday School and 11:00 worship service. Here at West Bend we are seeing a church that is filled to capacity, both services. While the response has not been as wide-spread as I would like it, there is a growing concern for the construction of a new church building. It has been my priviledge to serve these wonderful people here at West Bend. Total members to date 251.

1956 Kenneth M. Johnson

1st Q. Conf.: The minister states: Our boards, commissions, and committees are not just names in a record book; rather they are making a sincere effort to be active and to carry out their responsibility to the church. Salary $3,200.00. Plans and pictures of the projected building were shown last Sunday at church. Very much enthusiasm was shown and many expressed their desire to see our building begin. Our financial drive for $40,000.00 will be underway very soon.

4th Q. Conf.: The commission believes this has been the best year for West Bend, although finances are not the most important part of church life. As of May 1 — our giving to the budget averaged $167.00 per Sunday — the exact amount we had set up in the Budget at the beginning of year. It looks as though we will raise $10,000.00 for the Building Fund alone during this Conference Year, bring-

ing our total to $14,500.00. When added to our giving to the Budget, we will have raised almost $16,000 for the year. Our decrease in average attendance can be attributed to the loss of active members to the new Grace Church.

Recently our Official Board met and voted to purchase two lots belonging to the Holder Estate. The lots are adjacent to our present church. Both of the lots are valued at $800 and are owned jointly by Mr. A. I. Ferree and the Holder Estate. Mr. Ferree has very generously given us his part in the lots and Executors of the Holder Estate have agreed to sell their share in the lots for $250.00.

1957-1958 Ken Johnson, Pastor

1st Q. Conf.: Our WSCS reported that they hoped to pay at least $600 of their $1200 pledge to the Building Fund by Dec. 1, already having paid $400 of it.

Plans were adopted to appoint a Fellowship Friend for each person joining the church. Make regular reports to the Committee on Membership for a 6 month period concerning the activities of new members. Acquaint new members with the local organization and program of the church by a visit from the Church Lay Leader.

4th Q. Conf.: Recommended salary for the ensuing year $4,000.00.

Minister: This year has been one of the most crucial ones in the history of our church. We have had to keep before the people of this church the challenge of the Building Program, while at the same time

> we have had to move ahead with the personnel and resources of our present facilities. The recession and bad weather have hampered our progress but we have continued to move ahead in the work. As a result, the statistics will show this to be the best year of the past three in finance, evangelism, and missions. I believe there are few ministers with congregations as cooperative and understanding as the people of this church. A visitation crusade was conducted under the leadership of the pastor with a net gain of 27 new members into the fellowship of the church.
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> WSCS Report: Our membership has now grown to 50 members. Camp delegates are very important, and we had two this year.

During the 50's West Bend, as did most churches, reached their highest growth of members. In 1956 the largest attendance was 201, with an average of 166 present. This was for Sunday School as at this time usually more attended Sunday School than attended Worship Services. This figure has been reversed in the past several years. The second quarter of 1957 found the average down with the highest attendance 176 and an average of 143. It should be noted that in 1952 Walter and Bobby Shirley had four years perfect attendance.

The third quarter of 1957 found the average up to 152, with the largest attendance of 203, and with a low of 124. It was rainy and cool this Sunday.

The Johnson property was acquired in 1953. This was the old West Bend School Building, which had been converted into a dwelling. For the first time there was water on the Church property. Also all these years, the little house behind the big house was used. Families took turns cleaning the church and hut, but I never was on a group to move the little house.

During the 50's also a trend was started. For several years a child was born to the Parsonage Family. This being started with Glenn Lanier and ending with Don Beaty.

During the 50's more buildings were being utilized than any year previously. The Hut was used for classes and also during this time it was used for dinners. The Johnson House or former West Bend School was used for the toddlers. Of course the four rooms on the Sanctuary were used.

It was during this period that the Treats at Christmas were discontinued. All over the U.S. the standard of living was rising and a child didn't have to depend on the church for something for Christmas.

New Sanctuary Built

The year 1959 saw the most changes that have ever occurred at West Bend. A new building, the present one now used as a Sanctuary and Sunday School rooms was built. The Johnson House was sold. Also the Hut, which was bought by the Foster Street Wesleyan Church and is still being used. Not much was left from the old Sanctuary. The cross in the hall at the back of the Sanctuary and the Church bell were almost the only old things retained. These were given by the Davidson family but it is not known exactly when the bell was given.

The first service in the new Building was held November 1, 1959. The pastor, Kenneth Johnson, was the speaker for this service. We were utterly and totally in debt at this point. Some $60,000.00 was owed. It is true that a considerable sum was raised during this period. However, without the help of area businesses, the Randolph County Board of Missions, and the Duke Foundation, the present Sanctuary would never have been built.

1958-1959 Kenneth Johnson, Pastor

1st Q. Conf.: A motion was made and seconded by the Board and then voted upon and carried that the Board of Trustees be authorized to negotiate a loan not in excess of $35,000.

MYF: We conducted a successful Youth Activities Week with an average attendance nightly of 24. We had participation of our youth in the summer camps: President's Workshop, Senior Workshop and Camp Tekoa.

Methodist Men: Because of the great interest in this organization and most of our men working 2nd shift the club decided to take a broad step and change our meeting date to the first Sunday morning of each

month with a breakfast meeting beginning at 8:00. Our first breakfast meeting was held last Sunday with thirty (30) present.

Comm. of Stewardship: An Every Member Canvass will be conducted with an aim to secure some pledge large or small from every wage earner or family of the Church. Our canvass was conducted during the period of June 8 and June 18. The canvass indicated much improvement over previous years, as we were able to subscribe 75% of the monthly budget, and to secure a greater number of pledges with a substantial increase in the amount pledged. Our construction date has been set for November 3 and we can already see a greater interest and response from our people. On Sept. 1 we had a total of $27,335.11 in the Building Fund. Our Bank in town has agreed to loan us up to $35,000 to complete construction.

Memorial Gifts Comm. Decided to purchase a Memorial Book for our church, for recording all the memorials which will be made to the church during our building program.

4th Q. Conf.: Projected salary $4000. Pastors report: The church is no longer a church where the "preacher does everything". The church is run by its officials, who are **carefully selected** and **properly informed** of their **duties.** God is really moving this congregation and the people are growing aware of the responsibility for the present and the future.

WSCS: We have accepted the project of buying and making draperies for our new

church building. The estimated cost for the project is $700.

1959-1960 From the WEST BEND MESSENGER NEWSPAPER

THE SUNDAY IT SNOWED Sunday, Feb. 7, 1960 was a very unusual day for West Bend Church. 3 inches of snow lay on the ground, covered by a hard thin layer of ice. Plans for morning services were planned as late as 8:30 in the morning. But then the picture changed. Sunday School Superintendent, D. L. Hill went to turn on the heat, but phoned to the parsonage that the weather was the worst he had ever known and suggested that services be called off. This announcement was then sent to the local radio station. Meantime some who had planned to attend took off their coats and boots, others unaware of the plans, put on chains and climbed the hill. An even dozen braved the wintry elements for services. St. Peter will please note their names: C. C. Paisley, Charlie Robbins, Sr., Buren, Eva, Richard Lanier, Frank Shirley, Wayne and Joyce Wilson, Richard Paisley, Steve Robbins, and Angus Bobo. A delegation was appointed around 10 o'clock to go see if the Preacher was going to hold services. Discovering that services would not be held, the SHIRLEY mission returned to the church. The faithful dozen then dispersed, but not until the church treasurer, Angus Bobo reminded them: This wouldn't be a proper Methodist meeting without an offering". An offering was promptly taken.

Total receipts for the day: $14.50.

1st Q. Conf.: Kenneth Johnson

On May 15th West Bend Church celebrated its 50th Birthday. A Loyalty Dinner was held having the congregation equally divided into two groups and a Host and Hostess with special table Captains were appointed for each group. (May 29 and 30) Recognizing the fact that people give worthily when they understand where their money is being spent; after the dinner each item of the budget was presented and explained by use of a ViewMaster Projector and special prepared slides. A noticeable increase in many pledges and a subscription of new pledges and tithes resulted from the Every Member Canvass and Loyalty Dinner.

Christian Vocation Comm: West Bend had its first person to enter a Christian Vocation service. We are proud of Miss Billie Paisley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Paisley, Jr. and know she will make a valuable contribution as a leader in the field of Christian Education.

4th Q. Conf.: Projected salary $4000.00. We are now into our new building and wish to give credit to whom credit is due and in so doing we would say that our pastor has furnished superb leadership for our congregation. This leadership has been the main contributing factor to the tangible results you now see. We are on the threshold of a new era for West Bend. (Church lay Leader) L. H. Morgan.

Official Board Chairman: The Pastor and officers of the Board met several times to discuss what should be covered in a Policy

Statement. Our work was then discussed by the Board Members, a copy given to every member.

WSCS: Materials and fixtures were bought at a cost of approximately $540.00 and draperies were made by the women of the WSCS for the parlor, offices, chapel and all Sunday School rooms and were ready to be hung when the building was completed. These draperies were sewn by Ada Sherrill. In January the WSCS purchased a three compartment stainless steel sink for the kitchen at a cost of $540. Our unit now has 48 members.

Here are some comments by Kenneth Johnson, who spent five years starting and completing this project: "As you will recall, there were lots of physical changes during my stay. When I arrived at West Bend, in October, 1955, we had around $3,000 in the building fund and a "Shot-Gun" of a building gradually rotting underneath us! When I left, we had spent around $100,000 in buildings and lands and, as I recall, the church was $50,000 in debt!

'West Bend was my first full-time appointment following my graduation from Duke Divinity School in June of 1955. Our middle child was born while we were there — Robin Brent — on March 18, 1959. Martha Lynn began school there — at Park Street. As you may know, she graduated from Duke last May and is now completing her first year in the Duke Divinity School, preparing herself for some phase of teaching ministry.

For what it may be worth, I see that during my pastorate there, I preached 419 times, conducted 10 weddings and 24 funerals. I am certain the most unusual occurrence of my ministry there came on August 8, 1959 — when at the Chapel of First Methodist in Dublin, Georgia, I conducted Memorial Services for the late Lee Pettis — who 6 weeks later turned up alive in Texas!"

Speaking of a "Shot-Gun of a building", Peggy Foust says in this building in the summertime she was afraid to sit near the window because of the wasps that would come in.

1960-1961 Robert J. Ralls Pastor

1st Q. Conf.: Pastor: I am both humbled and gratified to come into a situation where such a strong foundation has already been laid. Presently I am striving to lead our people forward into a deeper consecration and total enlistment in the Kingdom. By the close of this summer I hope to have called on every home in our congregation. Also we are hoping to formulate a committee on Music and Worship for studying the correct procedures for organizing a Senior Choir.

4th Q. Conf.: Projected salary $4200.00.

Pastor: This has been a very rewarding year for me. One area of work which has been most enjoyable, but taken some of the pastor's time, has been that or organizing and directing our Senior Choir. They continue to encourage and inspire us all. Today, they wore their new robes for the first time. The purchasing of these robes was a project of the choir members themselves.

Stewardship & Finance Comm: At the beginning of this conference year things looked awfully dark in the area of church finance and indebtedness, along with a steady decline in weekly giving. However, through a "Prove God Period" of experimental tithing initiated on Oct. 1st we have: 1. Added 106 members and constituent members to our Stewardship Honor Roll. 2. Increased our average weekly giving from $297 to a new high of over

$400.00. 3. Retired almost all of our local church expenses.

Pastoral Relations Comm: Everyone here at West Bend has a deep devotion for our pastor and Mrs. Ralls. We are looking forward to great things happening here at West Bend with Rev. Ralls and his wife as our leaders.

WSCS: We have divided our society into 4 circles, 12 members each. We also paid for a stove in the kitchen.

Methodist Men: We have paved our church driveway, which cost approximately $1900.00. Our membership is now 42.

MYF: After several projects (ice cream supper, light bulb sale, and a book sale) we decided to use the profits on something that would beautify the new church — a sign to be placed on the church lawn. A member of our church gladly constructed the sign and saved us from higher expense.

In 1960 we owed $46,250 on the Sanctuary. During this year a survey was taken of members giving. It reveals some interesting facts which we wonder are the same in all churches.

Nothing (adults)	20
$ .00 and $ .49 per week	58
$ .50 and $ .99 per week	25
$ 1.00 and $1.99 per week	13
$ 2.00 and $2.99 per week	14
$ 3.00 and $3.99 per week	16
$ 4.00 and $4.99 per week	15
$ 5.00 and $5.99 per week	7
$ 6.00 and $6.99 per week	3
$ 7.00 and $8.99 per week	5
$ 9.00 and $9.99 per week	1

$10.00 and 11.99 per week 3
$12.00 and up per week 1

In 1960, Oscar Sowers, chairman of Memorial Gifts, reported that we had received $5,371.07 for this purpose. These gifts were mostly used to furnish the sanctuary. Some was spent on tables for eating and classroom furnishings.

On May 20, 1960 the Quarterly Conference records reveal that the treasurer disbursed $71,679 to architects and contractors, payment on Bank Notes, Interest on Bank Notes, furnishings for Educational Building, Memorial Gifts, survey and landscaping, and purchasing of new property. Our debts are $51,084.00.

Here are some of the highlights of Robert Ralls 1960-61 one year ministry here: He conducted eight funerals during his first six months for members or constituent members. Choir Robes were worn for the first time. Our average weekly giving rose from $297.00 per week to over $400.00. A Boy Scout troop was organized. The M.Y.F. placed a church sign on the grounds.

On the first Sunday in August, 1961, an Allen organ, given by Marvin Whitley, and chimes by Mrs. S. E. Davidson, were dedicated.

The Trying Times

During the early 1960's, in the midst of our indebtedness, several methods were employed in raising money. The Methodist Men had their best years then, putting on and doing the cooking, for suppers. A considerable amount was raised this way. At one time Box Suppers were even tried. A girl, or woman, would bring supper for two, in a box. The boys and men would bid to see who would get to eat supper with a girl. Another method used was a box with small items was passed through the neighborhood. You would buy what you could use and put in some other small items. People made things and we would buy. One of the unique things made was kitchen knives by Clarence Sykes. He worked in a furniture factory and made the blades out of old band saws. One method I won't forget was the selling of cookies. Archway Cookie Company came to town about this time and would give the Church a discount on cookies. We bought, sold and ate so many of these that today my wife still has an inversion to Archway Cookies because of the quantity she ate in the early 60's.

Also in the early 60's, attendance continued to be extremely good. The low in 1960-61 was 155 and the high was 224. In early 1962 the figures were somewhat lower with a low of 141 and a high of 183. Attendance was up in June with a high of 220 present.

1961-1962 Ron L. Hall, Pastor

1st Q. Conf.: Pastor: Two of the most meaningful and beautiful gifts that can be given to a church have been placed at West Bend as Memorial Gifts. The Allen Organ given by Mr. Marvin Whitley and the Schulmerich Carrilon given by Mrs. S. E. Davidson were dedicated in a special service the first Sunday in August. These two gifts have

transformed our Worship Services and bear a real witness to those who hear them. Our church attendance has shown a steady increase throughout the year. Received this month from Acme McCrary Foundation $300 for Altar Rail.

4th Q. Conf.: Projected salary $4,500.00.

1963-1964 R. L. Hall, Pastor.

1st Q. Conf.: Salary $4600. A rummage sale was conducted by the Methodist Men in March and a total receipts in the amount of $564 was turned into the Church Treasurer for payment of the Church indebtedness.

4th Q. Conf.: Projected salary $5200.

1964-1965

1st Q. Conf.:

4th Q. Conf.: $5500.00 Projected salary.

Pastor: Needless to say my own four year ministry as of this time, here at West Bend has been so tremendously refreshing and renewing to me that I have received many more blessings than I could possibly have given and I am humbled and grateful for the opportunity of being here.

In early 1963 attendance had started to dwindle. By the end of the year it was down to an average of 150 per Sunday.

In 1964 the young adult class for young marrieds and college age was formed. Average attendance for Sunday School was still around 160. The young couples class dwindled and it was discontinued in 1965.

In 1964 West Bend continued to be bothered with dwindling attendance. Also the indebtedness was still high. In September we borrowed $22,000 from the Board of Missions to be paid back in seven years or less. Our debt

at Wachovia Bank and Trust was $27,200 and $2,275 at First National Bank.

Salary for pastor 1964-1965 was $5,500.

In March, 1965, the loan at First National Bank was paid and the note at Wachovia reduced to $20,200.

In June 1965 a deed for the lot at the back of the church was transferred from D. L. Hill and Harvey Kearns. You can see how West Bend was doing financially at this time, not having the funds to buy the lot but desiring it very much. Due to these men this lot was secured and now is the site of the Fellowship Hall.

Events in 1966 include the furnishings of the parlor in memory of Jack Rich, our Lay Leader, who was killed in an automobile accident in June, 1965. This project was largely successful due to the Methodist Men. This was one of the last services given by the Methodist Men before disbanding. It's a shame this organization has ceased to exist. It was the first Men's Club Chartered in the Thomasville District of which we were part of then.
In June the parking lot at the back of the church was graded and gravel put on, at a cost of $2,100. This was due largely through the help of Lewis Holt and B. D. Greene. In November the Grounds Committee borrowed $4,000.

In June 1967, the Loan at First National Bank paid off. New Methodist Hymnals were purchased.

The important events in 1969-70 are the setting out of trees along the back of the parking lot by Athel Cox. The Building fund indebtedness reduced to $7,000. Carpet installed in the Choir Loft by the M.Y.F. under the leadership of Tommy Morgan. Our offerings continued to be down. We are behind about $900.00 on the budget.

At a called meeting on May 26, 1969, West Bend was asked to go on a charge with West Side. The Board did not approve.

Don Beaty had these words to say about his ministry that was completed this year.

February 22, 1984

Dear Friends at West Bend Church,

Congratulations upon your 75th Anniversary. You have been a beacon for God by the side of the road for at least 3 generations. You have loved the children, guided the youth, opened paths of service for the strong, comforted the sick and the dying, and helped those in need. In following and obeying Jesus, you have been filled with His joy and peace. You have been good witnesses for our Lord, and others have been drawn to love Him and serve Him. I thank God for you, the Church at West Bend.

It was my privilege and responsibility to serve as your pastor during the years 1965-1969. When I think of West Bend, I think first of the people there. I remember Mr. Walter Robbins who joined West Bend on September 11, 1910, soon after the Church was organized. He was a pillar of strength even in his old age. I can still see him in my mind's eye walking with short steps up the sidewalk and greeting his friends on the front porch of the Church. I remember Mrs. Rich who said to me shortly before she died, "There is nothing like peace, and the only way we can have peace is to love one another." I remember Mrs. Ada Sherrill and her faithful service to her family and to others even in her sickness. She was a great blessing to Mrs. Ethel Kivett and many others, including me.

It was a joy to me to see the spiritual growth of some of the young adults in the Church at that time. The Christian faith took on new and personal meaning for them, and their lives have shown their commitment to Jesus our Lord ever since. They had the understanding and the guidance of the more mature adults, and together they loved God and one another. Thus the body of the Church was built up and the mission of the Church was increased. I am thankful for what West Bend has done recently for Missions and the Pension Fund Crusade. You have set an example for our whole Conference to follow. May God con-

tinue to strengthen, guide and bless you as you carry out His love and service.

Cordially yours,

F. DONALD BEATY

We started 1969 in the black. $410.00 was pledged on June 19 for painting the parsonage. Our new minister, Billy Hunter, had just recently moved in.

On July 30 the Board Minutes note that the Official Board became the Administrative Board. About this time the Laymen's Conference at Lake Junaluska came into being. This is an inspirational meeting conducted by the Methodist Laymen annually.

During the Board meeting on November 19 there was an earthquake. Everyone knew something had happened except William Holloway, who had the floor at the time.

In early 1970 concerns for a new parsonage rose. In March a committee was appointed with the following members: Lewis Holt, Harvey Kearns, Buren Lanier, Athel Cox, and Clarence Davis.

Dock Stout expressed his concern for Missions. The giving for this has not increased in 10 years.

In April, 1970, the Budget for 1970-80 was set at $22,105.50. We ended the conference year in June with a small surplus. Later that year the Parsonage Committee reported that they had a lot in mind located on South McCrary St. The Board voted to purchase the lot for the sum of $3,540.

In December a pounding was given to Mr. and Mrs. French patterson. This is the first pounding given that we can remember since the one at Clarence Sykes pond for Joe Melton when he became our minister. A pounding is giving mostly grocery items to someone you love.

Highlights for 1971 was the securing of a loan to purchase the lot for the parsonage on South McCrary Street. On April 4, a dedication service was held for the paying

off of the debt on the Sanctuary and Sunday School building. A loan for the building of the parsonage was secured at Randolph Savings & Loan. Interest was 7½%. The District Mission Society gave us $4,000. This money was spent on furnishings for the new parsonage.

In 1972 the pastor's salary was set at $8,600. This was an increase of $300. A gift was given to Glenna Stout for her services in calling and notifying the Board members of the meetings. A Boy Scout troop was functioning under the leadership of Roger Yates and Tommy Robbins. In June we were notified that the church would go on a calendar basis, except for the moving of ministers. In the fall our church was picked by computer to answer a survey on concerns of the church. Every 18th person on the roll was picked for the survey. It was surprising how many of these persons had not been to West Bend in years.

For 1973 the Pastor's salary was set at $8,600., with $320.00 for travel expense. Conference apportionments are $5,700. In February we gave $30.00 to the Ministerial Association to help put tracts of the New Testament in every home in Randolph County. In May a piano was given to the church in memory of Wilburn Spoon by Mrs. Spoon.

In January 1974 it is noted that we are helping sponsor a missionary to India. He is the Rev. Ed Hackney. Our support this year was $642.00 and was to be increased to $750.00 the next year. This was not to be taken from the budget but was to be over and above the regular church budget. This writer thinks it is one of the most significant events to happen here. When we forget ourselves and look to the needs of others, we are doing what God has called us to do. A Church Directory was published. A collection of $109.89 was taken and the money sent to Nigeria, Africa, to help drill a well. The Woman's Society had a Bazaar, which netted over $600.00. Bible teaching in the City Schools is stopped.

The Pastor's Salary for 1975 set at $9,500.00. Total budget $25,151.00.

Rev. Ed Hackney, the missionary we are helping sponsor, came to see us. This was the first of many visits.

The Chapel, which was dedicated to Kenneth Johnson, was refurnished and pews installed. This was the project of the Young Couples Class under the leadership of Julia Howell. Also in 1975, carpet was installed in the Sanctuary. This called for the purchase of a vacuum cleaner.

On February 26, 1976, the Administrative Board approved the cost of printing a Church History. Also this year it is noted that the budget is being met and only the salary support for our missionary is behind. The driveway on the east side of the building was paved through the efforts of Food Line Super Market, Clarence Davis, Lewis Holt, and B. D. Greene. This is the year the pews were installed in the sanctuary.

In 1977 Crinkled glass windows were installed in the sanctuary. This was a dark moment for a while, the windows making it look dark and dreary until we got used to them.

Debbie Burrows remembers one Sunday the small children were singing. She wasn't. Rita and Diann Mayberry were larger children and told Debbie to sing. She started. They said, "Stop, Debbie, Stop."

It was along about this time that Sharon Holt remembers one Sunday morning. She didn't say but I think it's the first time she wore high heels. She fell all the way down the steps leading to the classrooms in the basement.

The budget for 1978 was approved at $30,979.00. In march the total we were paying on the Hackney's salary was raised to $1,000.00. On June 28, the Board minutes reflect that the parsonage was paid for. Another step forward this year was the hiring of Louise Coltrane as part-time secretary.

A new mimeograph machine for running the bulletin was purchased. New windows and doors were installed. Another noteworthy gift was received in the memory of Clarence Sykes. It was an organ and was put in the chapel.

The budget for 1979 was set at $8,000.00 above the previous year. In February our treasurer notified us that we weren't meeting the goal of $750.00 per week.

Repairs on the church costing $7,000.00 were made, with the money being borrowed.

One of the annual highlights for the Youth are the breakfasts at First Methodist Church. Outstanding speakers from throughout the country are there. Another of their highlights are the retreats at Camp Mt. Shepherd. This is a Methodist Camp belonging to the Conference that is being kept up through assessments of $1.00 per member per year and donations. It's not all fun and play for the Youth as each summer the outstanding event for the aged is an Ice Cream Supper they give and serve them.

We haven't said much about our choir in the last few years. We understand that in the 40's Ola Shaw played the piano and her husband Harvey and Farley Lewis were the leading singers. Beatrice Keeling played some, and you won't believe it, Arthur Hartsell played considerably. Since the late 50's Joretta Holt has been our faithful organist. Peggy Foust a little later became our Choir Director. Emily Holloway serves faithful as pianist, when not in school. West Bend has always been noted for its music.

It has been noted that the women had a Bazaar in 1977 for local missions. This has become an annual Mission "Share-A-Thon". The money is used to buy gifts at Christmas for the aged, fuel costs are being helped and anything that one needs in the way of help. We believe that is why our present finances are as good as they are. "In as much as you do unto others". The amount raised in

1979 was $1100.00. This Commission project has been so successful mainly through the efforts of Alice Holloway.

Also this year we were asked to contribute to the Minister's Retirement Fund. West Bend was one of the few churches that exceeded their goal.

The 1980 budget set at $42,872.00. This is $3,900.00 above the previous year.

A new heating system was installed for the Church School classrooms.

A first for us this year was the presence of the Western North Carolina Conference Bishop, L. Scott Allen, on Sunday, March 30.

During 1980 a Fellowship Hall or Hut was discussed. Nothing definite was decided. However, at a Charge Conference on March 22, 1981, the building of one was approved. This was decided by a vote of the congregation. $40,000 was borrowed and the building was soon completed. Also the parking lot at the back of the church was paved. In May at our annual Homecoming and Memorial Day Service, the Fellowship Hall was named after our pastor, Billy V. Hunter. He served the longest of any we have had. A total of 12 years. In October he returned to lead our services and new offering plates given by Dr. Joe Suggs were dedicated in his honor.

Here is what he says about his ministry here:

It has never been a particular joy to me to catalogue my accomplishments or the things I had a part in while being the pastor of a church as the real sense of accomplishment comes through other things. Yes, we helped you build a new parsonage, we paid off the debt on the church, we built the Fellowship Hall and paved the drive and parking lot; pews were given, windows were done, carpet was installed, a new piano was given and the chapel was furnished and these were right and good. However, the real joy and happiness came to me and my family through the love and fellowship we shared as your

parsonage family. West Bend has a lovely Christian spirit — don't ever lose that.

Don't ever negate the importance of the longer appointment as it reveals the type of people you were in your relationships. It brought blessings to us in that we were able to see children born and start to school and finish. We saw growth in so many that you are not able to know in the short span. Yes, I remember the children, the youth, the couples who married, those who faced tragedy in their lives, the adults and the senior citizens and we will always fold our arms about you in our hearts. And I know it could be said of you "see how those Christians love one another."

Billy Hunter

The Woman's Missionary Society installed the drapes in the new Fellowship Hall. We don't know what we would do without their services.

In 1982 our new District Superintendent was installed. He is the Rev. Walter H. McKelvey. He is a black man as is our Bishop. Our country has come a long way in race relations but West Bend has never seemed to have this problem.

Our 1983 Budget was set at $53,437.00. In April plans for this 75th Anniversary were started. During this year Church School is being emphasized more and our attendance is slowly improving.

At the Board meeting in August, 1983, our pastor reported on the Vacation Bible School. This is held each year but this is the first time there has been classes for the whole church.

Carpets in the hallways of the church installed. Our 1984 Budget calls for the giving of $1,140 per week. This is a far cry from 75 years ago when this was about the same as the budget for the entire year.

Janie Kearns has this to say about West Bend: I spent many of my younger days attending the old West Bend

Methodist Church.

At Christmas time, when we had our Christmas program, a large tree was decorated and the whole church brought gifts. All ages joined in the gift giving. I have an old Bible that I received at one of these Christmas programs.

I walked to church and enjoyed the fellowship of others walking. At night, sometimes the pastor and his wife would bring me home.

One thing that I have remembered with pleasure is the old time singing that they had at West Bend Church. The singing touched my heart so that I felt like I could reach up and touch Heaven.

Things can be destroyed and buildings torn down, but the joy and pleasure I remember, can never be destroyed.

During the last year or two, the unmarried adult class has been functioning capably under the direction of Rev. Kenneth Bauer, a retired Wesleyan minister. Another former minister, Gary Leonard, has been leading the Junior and Senior High in a course on the Bible.

The first of December, 1983, our Janitress, Mrs. Lillie Hoover, retired. Between her and her husband they have served us faithfully for around 40 years.

During the past year, carpet has been installed in the halls in front and behind the sanctuary. The kitchen at the back of the Sanctuary is being done away with so we can use that space for worship, if necessary.

It is hoped and predicted that the indebtedness on the Fellowship Hall will be erased this year. Plans for the yearly celebration have been studied with a "Diamond Jubliee Committee." The old church bell is being rung upon occasion. A few Sunday's ago the pastor read from the old pulpit Bible. The inscription in the front says: "Presented to Brazilla Robins for the pulpit of the West Bend Methodist Episcopal Church of Asheboro, North Carolina, October 8, 1937." There had been a previous

pulpit Bible but vandals broke into the church and destroyed it. During the last several years, a pulpit Bible, as such, has not been used. At one time the only translation was the King James Version. Now there are several and the pastors use many different versions in their ministry.

There is a large Bible in the parlor. This was given by area businesses.

As we sum up these pages, may we be remembered by those who have come behind us as faithful servants of God and that we have done as well as we think those before us have done.

Men Who Have Served As Our Ministers

1909 C. A. Wood
1910 R. A. Taylor
1912 J. D. Gibson
1914 Walter B. Thompson
1917 Fred W. Cook
1919 T. A. Plyler
1921 J. A. Howell
1923 O. P. Routh
1925 L. T. Edens
1927 E. C. Widenhouse
1929 M. G. Ervin
1930 Roy G. Barnwell
1931 Fred H. Shinn
1933 Ralph H. Taylor
1934 W. F. Cooley
1935 R. Odell Brown
1937 P. F. Snider
1939 C. L. Grant
1941 J. A. Howell
1945 Don Payne
1946 S. W. Taylor
1948 H. Glen Lanier
1951 Joe T. Melton
1955 Kenneth M. Johnson
1960 Robert J. Ralls
1961 Ron L. Hall
1965 F. Donald Beaty
1969 Billy V. Hunter
1981 Kenneth D. Crouse

W. R. Ware should probably be included for 1909. As West Bend was a Missionary Charge of First Methodist where he was pastor. From the records we have, however, he did not play an important part in the services here.

OUR PARSONAGE FAMILY

LOUISE AND KENNETH CROUSE

Kenneth has served God as a minister for over 40 years. He is retiring in June.

OUR CHURCH SECRETARY

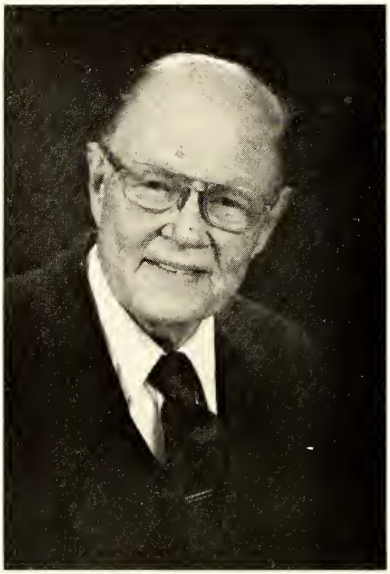
Louise Coltrane

J. A. Howell
1921 - 1941

M. G. Ervin
1929

Fred Shinn
1931

Ralph H. Taylor
1933
Later served as D.S.



R. Odell Brown
1935

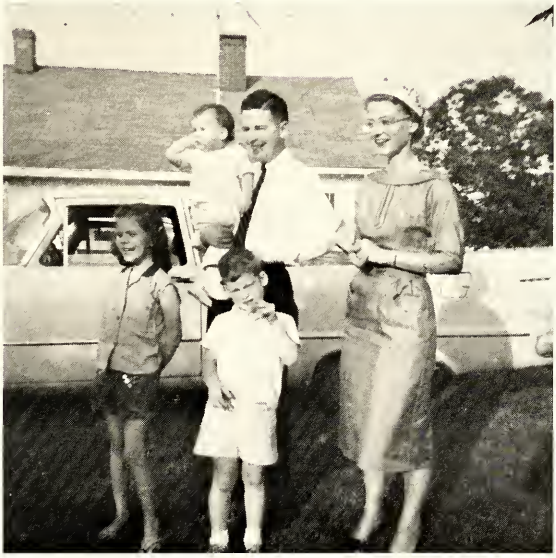
C. L. Grant
1939

Don Payne
1945

The S. W. Taylor's
1946

Glenn and Elise Lanier
1948

Joe T. Melton
1951



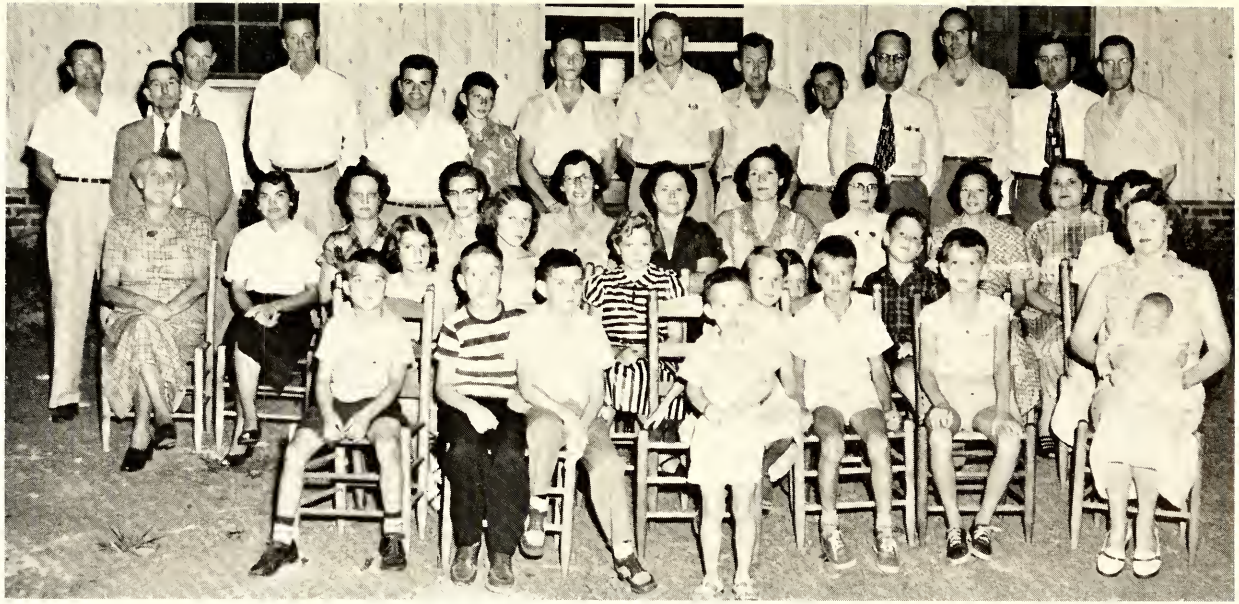
Kenneth Johnson, Evelyn, Martha Lynn,
Kenneth Jr., Brent
1955

Robert J. Ralls
1960

Ron Hall, Kaye, Lee and Todd
1961

F. Donald Beaty
1965

Billy V. Hunter
1969



METHODIST MEN ICE CREAM SUPPER, 1953

First: Lonnie Hurley, Raymond Hurley, Dwight Mabe, Charles Davis, Ann Ward, Tommy Lewis, Tommy Morgan, Consie Melton, the baby is Thurmond Melton.

2nd: Ida Cox, Mrs. Raymond Hurley, Lucy Mabe, Linda Lewallen, Kate Lewallen, Barbara Kearns, Nan Kearns, Louie Hill, peeping in front of Louie, Bobby Paisley, Iola Burns, Eugene Burns, Norva Paisley, Lois Morgan, top of Margaret Davis' head.

Back: Harvey Kearns, Walter Cox, Bill Paisley, Wiley Davidson, Verdelle Mabe, Wayne Lewallen, Clarence Davis, Bill Shaw, Charlie Paisley, Pat Burns, Leslie Morgan, Raymond Hurley, D. L. Hill and Joe Melton, the pastor.

Known Joretta Robbins, Hortense Shaw,
Clarence Robbins, Treva Yates, teacher.

PRIMARY CLASS - 1951

First: Joyce Hinesley, Carol Trotter, Jeannie Livington, Wanda Stout, Walter Shirley.

2nd: Larry Rich, Anne Garner, Diane Freeman, Yvonne Lewallen, Carol Byrd, Annette Essick, Dwight Mabe.

3rd: Leonard Cox, Danny Livingston, Rebecca Lewallen, O. C. Pyrtle, Linda Williams, Glenna Stout.

First: Joe Rich, Carletta Stevenson, Steve Craft.

2nd: Raymond Munn, Iola Burns, Pat Burns, Clarence Davis.

3rd: Alberta Stout, Cleo Munn, Bernice Skeen, Edna Robbins, Ed Allred, Nordia Robbins, Duke Robbins, Iris Robbins, Rosa Robbins.

Back: Jack Pierce, Wan Skeen, C. T. Robbins Jr., Britt Robbins, Ray Stevenson, Wilma Thomas, Virginia Craft, Angus Bobo.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 1950 or 1951

First: Nancy Edwards, Diann Mayberry, Bobby Shirley, Walter Shirley, Joe Thomas Robbins, ?.

2nd: Sammy Yates, Don Essick, Leonard Cox's head, Harold Sykes, Burnice Spoon, Tommy Robbins, Lonnie Hurley.

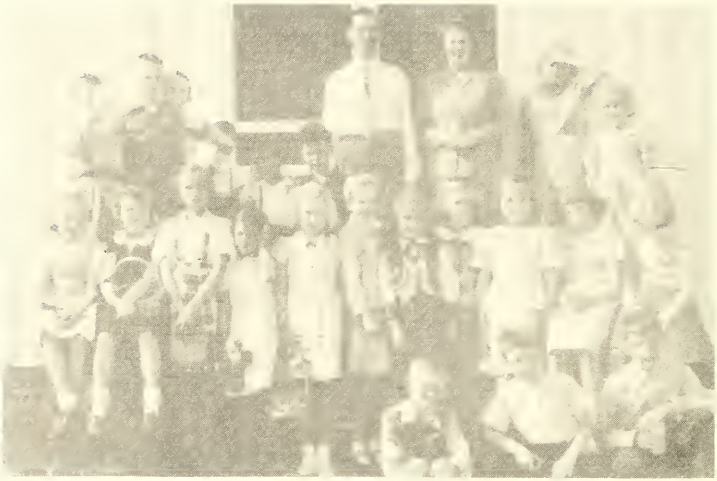
Back: Barbara Kearns, Carol Sykes, Mike Robbins, Steve Robbins, Wayne Lewallen, Linda Lewallen, Thelma Lee Marion.

First: Billy Robbins, Steve Shinn, Randy Auman.

2nd: Bobby Paisley, Gene Burns, J. Tommy Robbins, C. Tommy Robbins.

3rd: Susie Prevost, Sandra Thornburg, Keith Greene, Elaine Frye, Wilma Stout, Pam Rich, Joyce Robbins in front of Bonnie Robbins, Barbara Swink.

Front Row: Dennis Robbins, Jeanie Cox, Tod Hall. Second Row: Jan Jacobs, Jane Craft, Lisa Gamble, Kelly Shaw, Eddie Robbins. Third Row: Sharon Holt, Tammy Cheek, Carol Jordan, Darrel Jordan, Lynn Robbins, Terry Davidson, Lee Hall. Teachers: Lucy Clyde Johnson, Hazel Frye, Margaret Robbins.



PRIMARY CLASS, EASTER, APRIL 1952

First: Russell Cox, Billy Byrd.

2nd: Joyce Hinesley, Annette Essick, Mattie Sue Burrow, Brenda Burrow, Barbara Kearns, Linda Farlow, Tommy Ann Davidson, Wanda Stout, Martha Marion, Carol Byrd, Diane Freeman.

3rd: Raymond Hurley, Larry Rich, Don Essick, Bobby Shirley, Walter Shirley, Sammy Yates, Rev. and Mrs. Joe Melton, Peggy Purvis, Norma Hinesley.

First: Roger Byrd, Janet Shaw, Rita Mayberry, Betsy Auman, Jean Auman.

2nd: Charles Davis, Bobby Marion, Mattie Williams, Janice Frye, Harold Sykes.

Back: Hal Johnson, Sherry Hartsell, Nat Williams, Janice Robbins.

First: Judi Munn, Dana Paisley.
2nd: Annette Swink, Doug McMasters, Gina Covey, Steve Davis, Benji Robbins.
3rd: Judy Allred, Karen Davidson, David Lewallen, Ginger Foust, Joe Sherrill.
Teachers: Ruby Pierce, Diann Mayberry, Glenna Stout.

1951 - Pam Rich, Wilma Stout, Delores Lewis, Elaine Frye, Frankie Shirley, Shanas, Joyce Robbins, Lorraine Farlow.

1956 - Keith Greene, Rita Mayberry, Pam Rich, Joyce Robbins, Lorraine Farlow, Janice Frye, Sherry Hartsell, Shanas, Marvin Mayberry, Annette Swink, Delores Lewis, Eugene Burns.

First: Margaret Davis, Susan Stout, ?, Vicky Foust, Billie Joe Paisley.
2nd: David Jarrell, Sandra Robbins, Judy Spargo, Cindy Cheek.
3rd: Debra Sowers, Brenda Spencer, April Lewallen, Dale Robbins, Richard Johnson, Billy Lewallen.

First: Keith Greene, Rita Mayberry, Pam Rich, Joyce Robbins, Lorraine Farlow, Janice Frye, Sherry Hartsell, Shanas, Delores Lewis's head, Eugene Burns, Annette Swink, Marvin Mayberry.

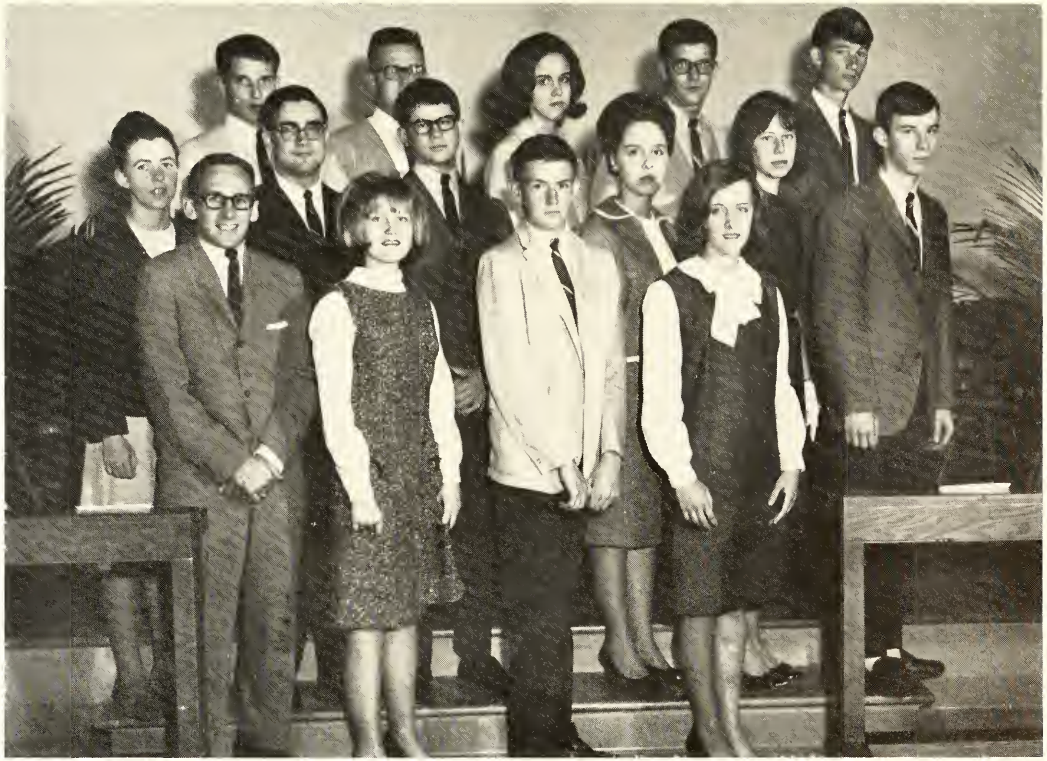
First: Jimmy Cox, Russell Cox, Lonnie Hurley, Raymond Hurley.

2nd: Leonard Cox, Harold Sykes, Annette Essick, Rebecca Williamson, Martha Marion, Walter Shirley, Thelma Marion, O. C. Pyrtle, Carol Byrd.

Front Row: Terry Jarrell, Kay Coltrane, Janie Spencer, Debbie Burrows.
Second Row: Kim Paisley, Gloria Cheek, Mike Paisley, Kathy Frye, Richard Pierce and teacher, Barbara Hathaway.

Mike Hill, Karen Davidson, Douglas McMasters, Debbie Burrows, Dave Lewallen, Janie Spencer.

Debbie Sowers, Lee Davis, Dale Robbins, Doug Davis, Johnny Bobo, Jimmy Allred.



First: Rev. Ron Hall, Pam Rich, Kenneth Sykes, Vivian Robbins.
2nd: Jan Robbins, Keith Greene, Gale Thomas, Edith Hartsell, Joyce Robbins, Charles Davis.
3rd: Randy Burrows, Danny Spargo, Sherry Hartsell, Roger Yates, Hal Johnson.

Walter Cox

Ada Sherrill

Blanche and Clarence Sykes with children, Marie, Bill, Kenneth, Harold, Peggy and Carol.

First: Ken Cox, Phyllis Craft, Kim Shaw, Vicky Lewallen.
2nd: Penny Robbins, Doris Dwiggins, Jimmy Allred, Billy Byrd, Don Cox.
3rd: Rita Mayberry, Janice Frye, Diane Skeen, Darrell Robbins, Johnny Bobo, Phillip Greene.

LAST SERVICE IN OLD CHURCH
Kenneth Johnson, choir; we recognize
Alberta Stout, Ann Greene

FIRST SERVICE IN NEW EDUCATIONAL BUILDING
Kenneth Johnson, pastor; choir: Martha Marion, Wanda Stout, Thelma Lee Marion, Tom Abernethy, Joe Abernethy, Richard Lanier. Tom and Martha were the first couple married in the new chapel.

First: Joe Rich, Carletta Stevenson, Steve Craft.
2nd: Raymond Munn, Iola Burns, Pat Burns, Clarence Davis, Joe Thomas, Alberta Stout, Cleo Munn, Bernice Skeen, Edna Robbins, Ed Allred, Nordia Robbins, Duke Robbins, Iris Robbins, Rosa Robbins.
Back: Jack Pierce, Wan Skeen, C. T. Robbins Jr., Britt Robbins, Ray Stevenson, Wilma Thomas, Virginia Craft, Angus Bobo.

This picture of Alice and William Holloway, counselors, came out of M. Y. F. Scrap Book entitled "Our Examples." We are all examples to someone.

Bobby and Walter Shirley had four years perfect attendance at Sunday School.

First: Chloe Dixon, Carrie Goins, Ethel Shirley.
2nd: Mildred Sowers, Annie Lee Gallimore, Nan Kearns, Norva Cox, Clara Rich, Myrtle Lewallen, Maggie Lewis, Addie Foust, Dock Stout, teacher.
3rd: Annie Paisley, Minnie Terry, Gertrude Allred, Kate Lewallen, Blanche Sykes, Louise Robbins, Louie Hill, Evelyn Lewallen, Clyde Trotter, Agnes Cox, Kathleen Swink.

1961 - 1962 M. Y. F. OFFICERS
Wilma Stout, vice president, Joyce Robbins, secretary, Pam Rich, assistant secretary, Tommy Lewis, treasurer, Tommy Robbins, president, Eugene Burns, program chairman.

Glenna Stout, Jan Robbins, Pam Rich, M: Wanda Stout, Edith Hartsell, Joyce Robbins B: Wilma Stout, Sherry Hartsell.

First: Walter Robbins, Harvey Kearns.
2nd: Frank Shirley, Ed Frye, Willie Burrows, Ottis Lyndon, Charlie Paisley, Clarence Sykes, Clarence Sherrill, Ralph Allred, Arthur Hartsell, Bill Paisley, Wiley Davidson, Covon Robbins, Ralph Robbins, Bud Lewallen, Everette Terry, Robert Walker, Willie Cox, French Patterson, Walter Cox, Wilburn Spoon, Charlie Robbins.

GROUND BREAKING FOR
NEW EDUCATION BUILDING
NOVEMBER 9, 1958

William H. Graham, contractor; John R. Hartledge, architect; Rev. John H. Carper, district superintendent; Rev. Kenneth M. Johnson, pastor; Clarence Davis, secretary of building committee; L. H. Morgan, chairman official board; D. L. Hill, church school superintendent; E. E. Burns, building committee. Yielding the shovel is R. Buren Lanier, building committee chairman.

This picture had to do with borrowing money from the conference. Angus Bobo, Clarence Davis, Iola Burns, Oscar Sowers, Kenneth Johnson, Leslie Morgan, Aubrey Smith, Evelyn Johnson, and an unknown conference representative.

First: Keith Lewallen, Kim Shaw.
2nd: Konda Shaw, Randall Lewallen, Felicia Kearns, Don Stevenson.
Teachers: Ramona Shaw and Helen Lewallen.

Rita Mayberry, Phyllis Craft, Wanda Stout, Glenna Stout, Steve Shinn, Eugene Burns. In front of the book this was taken from these words: "Eugene Burns Did It."

Eugene Burns, Richard Lanier, Tommy Lewis, Tony Dwiggins, Charles Davis, Tommy Robbins, Hal Johnson, Keith Greene.

First: Doris Davidson, D. L. Hill.
2nd: Larry Davis, David Lewallen, Becky Lewallen, Joretta Holt, Wanda Stout, Diann Mayberry, Virginia Craft, Lena Mae McMasters, Stanton Cox, Richard Paisley, Thurman Coltrane.
3rd: Charles Gamble, Darrell Davidson, William Holloway, Marie Lewallen, Ann Greene, Emma Jean Paisley, Horace Lewallen, Peggy Foust, Lewis Holt, Donald Paisley.
4th: Wayne Lewallen, Steve Robbins, Clyde Cheek, Bill Shaw, Kenneth McMasters, B. D. Greene, Billy Robbins, Bob Jacobs.

Silma Lee Cox, Ada Munn, Eilene Whitley, Elise Lanier

First: Alberta Cox, Joretta Robbins, Beatrice Keeling.
2nd: Marie Sykes, Elise Lanier, Jane Morgan, Ada Sherrill, Louie Hill, Glenn Lanier.

CHOIR, 1976

First: Peggy Foust, director; Diann Davis, Billie Paisley, Sharon Holt, Joretta Holt, organist; April Brown.
2nd: Becky Yates, Ann Greene, Jane Cox, Peggy Yates.
3rd: William Holloway, Joe Rich, Pat Burns, Lewis Holt, Billy Hunter, pastor.

Kay Coltrane, Ginger Foust, Karen Davidson, Gloria Cheek, Joseph Sherrill, Richard Pierce, Kim Paisley, Mike Paisley, Doug McMasters.

1969 - Gloria Cheek, Vicky Foust, Kay Coltrane, Debbie Burrows, Cindy Cheek.

First: Kathy Grubbs, Vickie Essick, Linda Burrow, Peggy Yates, Roger Yates, Rita Lanier, Vicki Morgan, Ronald Morgan, Martha Abernethy, Roger Grubbs, Sylvia Baumberger, Tom Baumberger, Brenda Brady, Donnie Brady's head, Bill Burrow, Tim Setzer, Alvin Voncannon, Phillip Poole, Richard Lanier, Tom Abernethy, Shirley Poole, Trudy Robbins, Bill Robbins.

Sharon Frazier, Bruce Burrow, Keri Morgan, Ellie Grubbs, Jackie Leonard, Scott Essick, Brad Robbins, Kristy Baumberger.

Travis Brown, Lee Essick, Beth Burrow, Marla Frazier, Mindy Grubbs, B: Tim Leonard, Erin Frazier, Alysia Baumberger, Lisa Poole, Rebecca Whitley. Teachers: Sue Voncannon, Bonnie Whitley.

First: Carletta Stevenson, Nordia Robbins, Alberta Stout.
2nd: Marie Lewallen, Cleo Munn, Raymond Munn, Clarence Davis, C. T. Robbins Jr., Dot Frye, Duke Robbins.
B: David Lewallen, Paul Foust, Wilma Thomas, Bernice Skeen, Joe Thomas, Dock Stout, Loyd Frye, Ed Allred.

Kristen Voncannon, Debi Setzer, Brian Brady.

Jane Jordan, Lisa Yates, Julie Yates, Amy Kearns; seated, Kristen Voncannon, Brian Brady.

Lib Howell, Lawrence Talbert, Glenna Stout, William Holloway, Louise Talbert, Bob Howell, Betsy Kearns, Lena Mae McMasters, Billy Whitley, Sandra Walker.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH BIBLE CLASS
Dan Jordan, Rick Lanier, Donna Lanier, Cindy Yates, Pam Frye, Jonathan Holloway, Jennifer Cooper, Gary Leonard.

THE QUEST CLASS
Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Bauer, Felicia Kearns, Lisa Coltrane, Emily Holloway, Billie Nance.

FRIENDLY CLASS

First: Louise Crouse, Esther Davidson, Annie Lee Gallimore, M. Florine Yates, Eva Lanier, Mary Lewis; back: Angus Bobo, Faye Burrows, Hazel Frye, Mildred Sowers.

1984 SENIOR HIGH CLASS
Lori Trogdon, Pam Frye, Oscar Sowers, Donna Lanier, Rick Lanier, Lisa Leonard.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 1983
Julie Yates, Lisa Poole, Wanda Maness, Steve Smith, Joey Abernethy, Virginia Cooper.

Seated: Harvey Kearns, Clarence Sherrill, Buford Yates, Robert Walker, Charlie Paisley, Arthur Hartsell, Buren Lanier, Claude Dunlap, Ralph Robbins, Willie Cox, Ed Frye, Bill Lewis, Covon Robbins.

1976 CHURCH SCHOOL CLASS
Ingrid Mayberry, Julie Yates, Jonathan Holloway, Nicole Robbins, Stacey Royals.

1984 CONFIRMATION CLASS
Sandra York, Dan Jordan, Alicia Kearns, Martha Cooper, Rick Lanier, Lori Trogdon, Pam Frye, Jennifer Cooper, Julie Yates, Jonathan Holloway, John Kearns, Ingrid Lanier, James Johnson.

Emily Holloway, pianist; Peggy Foust, choir director
Joretta Holt, organist

Jack Pierce, secretary; R. D. Perry, literature

1969-1981 PARSONAGE FAMILY
Jonathan, June and Billy Hunter

Myrtle and Robert Walker

1983 ICE CREAM SUPPER FOR SENIOR CITIZENS
MADE AND SERVED BY M.Y.F.

Facing camera are Louise Crouse, Irene Bauer, Kenneth Bauer, Oscar Sowers, Mildred Sowers, Annie Lee Gallimore, Thelma Hill, D. L. Hill, Leslie Morgan at end. Others we can recognize, Eva and Buren Lanier, and Alberta Stout. Serving is Emily Holloway.

1983 BIBLE SCHOOL

Julie Yates, Lisa Poole, B: Wanda Maness, Steve Smith, Joey Abernethy, Virginia Cooper.

Jonathan Hunter and Sharon Holt in front of altar flowers given in memory of Ada Sherrill, a faithful worker among the women.

M. Y. F. AT BEACH

Penny Robbins in front; others, April Lewallen, Doris Dwiggins, Diane Skeen, Rita Mayberry, Debbie Sowers.

OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY, 1974
Rev. and Mrs. Ed Hackney
Mark, 18; John, 17; Paul, 15; James, 13

James Johnson, back center, receives the First Eagle Scout Award ever received by a West Bend member.

ELEMENTARY III AND IV 1965
Lena Mae McMaster, teacher; Mike Hill, Karen Davidson, Janie Spencer, Debbie Burrows, Douglas McMasters.

Kay Coltrane, Ginger Foust, Karen Davidson, Gloria Cheek, Joseph Sherrill, Richard Pierce, Kim Paisley, Mike Paisley, Doug McMasters.

WEST BEND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
OFFICERS 1984

LAY LEADER — Lewis Holt
DELEGATE TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE — D. L. Hill
RESERVE DELEGATE TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE — David Lewallen
CHAIRPERSON OF ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD — Dock Stout - Vice, Lewis Holt
CHAIRPERSON OF COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES — Wanda Maness
YOUTH MEMBERS OF COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES — Pam Frye, Lori Trogdon, Martha Cooper, Linda McMasters, Ricky Lanier

CHAIRPERSONS OF WORK AREAS —

Education	Billy Nance Sandra Paisley Co-Chairpersons
Stewardship & Finance	Milton Yates
Missions	Jane Cox
Social Concerns	Hal Johnson
Religion & Race	Angus Bobo
Evangelism	Roger Yates
Worship	April Brown

AGE LEVEL COORDINATORS

Children's Ministries	Lena McMasters
Youth Ministries	Norma Lewallen
Adult Ministries	D. L. Hill
Family Life	Elizabeth Howell

CHURCH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT — Angus Bobo
ASSISTANT CHURCH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT — Ben Frazier
LITERATURE SECRETARY FOR CHURCH SCHOOL — R. D. Perry
CHURCH SCHOOL SECRETARY — Jack Pierce
ASSISTANT CHURCH SCHOOL SECRETARY — R. D. Perry
RECORDING SECRETARY — Oscar Sowers
CHURCH MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY — Bernice Skeen

MEMBERS AT LARGE OF ADMINISTRATION BOARD

1984	1985	1986
Lisa Coltrane	Bill Dwiggins	Buren Lanier
Felicia Kearns	Rev. Kenneth Bauer	Randall Morgan
Raymond Munn	Joyce Fields	Alvin Voncannon
Lena McMasters	Joe Thomas	Gloria Terry
Bobby Paisley	Iola Burns	Anne Greene
Tom Abernethy	C. T. Robbins	David Lamb
Donnie Brady	Edward Frye	Sharon Holt
Paul Foust	Gary Fields	Arthur Hartsell

HONORARY MEMBERS OF ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD
Leslie Morgan, D. L. Hill, Robert Walker, Bonnie Robbins
FINANCIAL SECRETARY & CHURCH TREASURER — Joretta Holt
COMMITTEE ON NOMINATION AND PERSONNEL
1984 - Clarence Davis 1985 - Peggy Foust 1986 - Alberta Stout
RECORDS AND HISTORY — Oscar Sowers, Chairperson; C. T. Robbins, Billie Nance
COMMUNION STEWARDS — Bernice Skeen, Chairperson; Dorothy Frye, Elizabeth Howell
HEALTH & WELFARE — Peggy Foust
TRUSTEES

1984	1985	1986
David Lewallen, Chp.	Dock Stout	Robert Branson
Clarence Davis	Edward Allred	Raymond Munn
Lewis Holt	Charlie Paisley	William Holloway

PARSONAGE COMMITTEE

Jane Cox, Chairperson	George Lewallen
Dorothy Frye	R. L. Paisley III
Ramona Shaw	Edward Allred
Marie Lewallen	Minnie Terry
Cleo Munn	

LAY SPEAKERS — D. L. Hill, Dock Stout, Roger Yates, Ben Frazier
RANDOLPH MISSION SOCIETY — D. L. Hill, Dock Stout, Clarence Davis
CHAIRMAN OF ESTATE PLANNING — Richard Paisley
METHODIST BUILDERS CLUB — Richard Lanier
COORDINATOR OF COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS — Alberta Stout
CONFERENCE BROTHERHOOD — Buren Lanier
PASTOR-PARISH RELATIONS Committee

1984	1985	1986
Clarence Davis, Chp.	Brenda Brady	Eva Lanier
Kathy Grubbs	Florine Yates	Harvey Kearns
Wilma Thomas	William Holloway	Alberta Stout

MEMBERS OF WORK AREAS

Education - Billie Nance, Sandra Paisley, Co-Chairpersons; Lena McMasters, Norma Lewallen, Daynese Poole, Rita Lanier, Debi Setzer.

Evangelism - Roger Yates, Chairperson; Alberta Stout, Harvey Kearns, Angus Bobo, David Lewallen, D. L. Hill, Bill Lewis

Stewardship & Finance - Milton Yates, Chairperson; Edward Allred, Buren Lanier, Clarence Davis, Lewis Holt, Roger Yates, Raymond Munn, Dock Stout, David Lewallen, Jack Pierce, William Holloway, C. T. Robbins, Ray Stevenson, Phillip V. Poole, Beaufort Yates, Linda Burrow, Kathy Grubbs, Donnie Brady, Wilma Thomas

Worship - April Brown, Chairperson; Joretta Holt, C. T. Robbins, Marie

	Lewallen, Emma Jean Paisley, Dorothy Frye, Delores Trogdon, Shirley Poole, Peggy Foust
Missions -	Jane Cox, Chairperson; Eva Lanier, Alice Holloway, Margaret Davis, Florine Yates, Jane Jordan, Louise Coltrane, Minnie Terry, Sharon Holt, Vickie Essick, Helen Lewallen
M.Y.F. Counselors:	Senior High, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Lewallen, Junior High, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Abernethy

Walter Robbins
One of the first, if not the first, members.

WEST BEND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Budget for 1984

LOCAL EXPENSES	
Pastor's Salary (including $2400 for Utilities)	$17,500.00
Pastor's Travel Expense	2,500.00
Church Secretary's Salary ..... $6.00 per hr.	5,500.00
Janitor's Salary	1,300.00
Church Repair — Maintenance and Lawn Care	2,000.00
Parsonage Repair & Maintenance	600.00
Insurance: Church, Parsonage & Fellowship Hall	1,120.00
Insurance: Pastor's Hospital	840.00
Office Supplies	1,300.00
Church School Supplies & Literature	2,000.00
Church Telephone	500.00
Electricity	4,200.00
Fuel Oil	3,000.00
Music	200.00
Flowers	350.00
West Bend Memorial Association	100.00
Visiting Speakers. ($25 per visit, plus .15¢ per mile)	400.00
Randolph Hospital Chaplain	75.00
Miscellaneous	800.00
Youth & Children's Work	300.00
75th Anniversary Fund	500.00
	$45,085.00
CONFERENCE OUTREACH APPORTIONMENT	
District Superintendent's Fund — Episcopal Fund	
Pension & Benefit Funds — Equitable Salary Fund	
Other Ministerial Support — Gen. Conf. Admn. Fund —	
Jurisdictional Conf. Admn. Fund — Annual Conf.	
Admn. Fund — World Service & Conf. Benevolences —	
Ministerial Ed. Fund — Methodist Student Day —	
Black College Fund — Higher Education (College Fund)	
Golden Cross — Home for the Aging & Children's Home	
Pastor's Disability & Life Insurance	$12,400.00
DISTRICT & OTHER AREAS OF SUPPORT	
Lake Junaluska Improvement Fund	175.00
District Expense Fund	660.00
Mount Shepherd Retreat Center	349.00
District Mission Society	349.00
Missional Priorities	179.00
Duke Fund	105.00
	$ 1,817.00
GRAND TOTAL	$59,302.00

NEEDED FOR BUDGET EACH WEEK — $1,140.00.